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REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application based on the amendments and remarks presented in the Amendment filed July 17, 2002, are respectfully requested. In addition, entry and allowance of the newly added claims 26 and 27 is also respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the above new claim, claims 2-3 and 9-27 will be pending in this application

Claim 26 is substantially similar to present claims 2 and 24; claim 27 is substantially similar to present claim 25. However, the newly added claims do not include the "proviso" clause added to the amended claim 2.

Accordingly, no new matter is added.

Claims 26 and 27 are patentable over the cited Chevalier et al (US 5,360,836 or EP 0263749) for at least the same reasons previously set forth and, in addition, because there is no disclosure or suggestion of a radiation curable compound wherein the compound of general formula (I) of the patent is bonded to a polymer. Therefore, Chevalier et al does not provide evidence to support a conclusion that the subject matters of claims 26 and 27 would have been prima facie obvious.

Claims 26 and 27 are patentable over the cited Nason et al, U.S. 4,656,202, for at least the reasons set forth in the Remarks presented with the Amendment filed July 17, 2002.

Claims 26 and 27 are patentable over the cited Kelley U.S. 3,366,613 for at least the reasons set forth in the Remarks presented with the Amendment filed July 17, 2002, and for the additional reason that there is no disclosure or suggestion that the radiation curable compounds disclosed by Kelley are bonded to or form part of a polymer.

Claims 26 and 27 are patentable over the cited Kobayashi, U.S. 4,910,268, for at least the reasons set forth in the Remarks presented with the Amendment filed July 17, 2002, and for the additional reason that there is no disclosure or suggestion of compounds represented by the general formula (1) of the patent which includes a polymer P bonded to the carbon of the carbonyl (C=O) group bonded to the nitrogen atom. In Kobayashi, the group R₂ bonded to C=O is H or (substituted) alkyl or aryl group.

In view of the foregoing and previously filed amendment and accompanying Remarks, all pending claims are believed to be in form for allowance, and such action is hereby solicited. If any point remains in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved

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through a personal or telephone interview. please contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Attached is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached Appendix is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made".

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted.

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APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 26-27 are added.

End of Appendix